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MT. JOY M.E. CHURCH (site)

1880

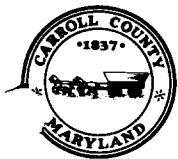
Uniontown

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CARR-352 Mt. Joy Methodist Episcopal Church (Site)

The east end of Uniontown contained a sizeable black community during the late nineteenth century. They worshipped at the **Mt. Joy Methodist Episcopal Church** at the far western end of town. The church site is the bottom of the hill where the Mt. Joy cemetery remains. According to Dr. J. J. Weaver, Jr., the leader of this congregation was Singleton Hughs, a black man who had been a slave under a master who allowed him to purchase his freedom. In 1858, Hughs acquired the church property from Barney Dunson and a year later conveyed it to the trustees of the church. The congregation met in the first story of a house on the property which was later demolished. In 1880, the church purchased the building material from the demolished St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church and erected their own edifice. Weaver also comments on the creation of this church: "Many years ago, the colored people worshipped in the old M.E. church under the direction of a white leader, many of them being slaves belonging to the members of said church. After the formation of the Methodist Protestant denomination, the colored people divided in their affiliation, some going to the new denomination and others holding to the old." The Mt. Joy Church was demolished in 1975.

On the west side of Clear Ridge Road, between the sites of the two churches, is the **Lutheran Cemetery** which was begun about the turn-of-the-century. On the east side of the cemetery is a entranceway with rusticated concrete block posts that support a three-part iron gate with trefoil-design motifs across the top. At the northeast corner of the cemetery is a memorial dedicated to Uniontown residents who served in the armed forces. This memorial was erected in 1983 by the Uniontown Improvement Association to replace a wooden "Honor Roll" that was in disrepair.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street  
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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-352

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: site and cemetery

ORIGINAL USE:

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good ( )  
Fair ( ) Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE: rural Gothic

DATE BUILT: 1880 ; demolished 1975

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Uniontown

LOCATION: South side of Uniontown Rd.; 1/8 mile  
west of Clear Ridge Road

COMMON NAME: Mt. Joy M.E. Church (site)

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Church

OWNER: Trustees of Mt. Joy Cemetery

ADDRESS:

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )

2. Wall Structure

A. Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )

B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )

C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other

3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten (X)  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Other:

4. Roof Structure

A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )

B. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other:

Number of Stories:

Number of Bays:

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

see Uniontown Md. A Walking Tour

REFERENCES:

- 1862 Martenet's Map:
- 1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )
- Moderately Built Up ( ) Densely-Built Up ( )
- Residential ( ) Commercial ( )
- Agricultural ( ) Industrial ( )
- Roadside Strip Development ( )
- Other:

RECORDED BY:

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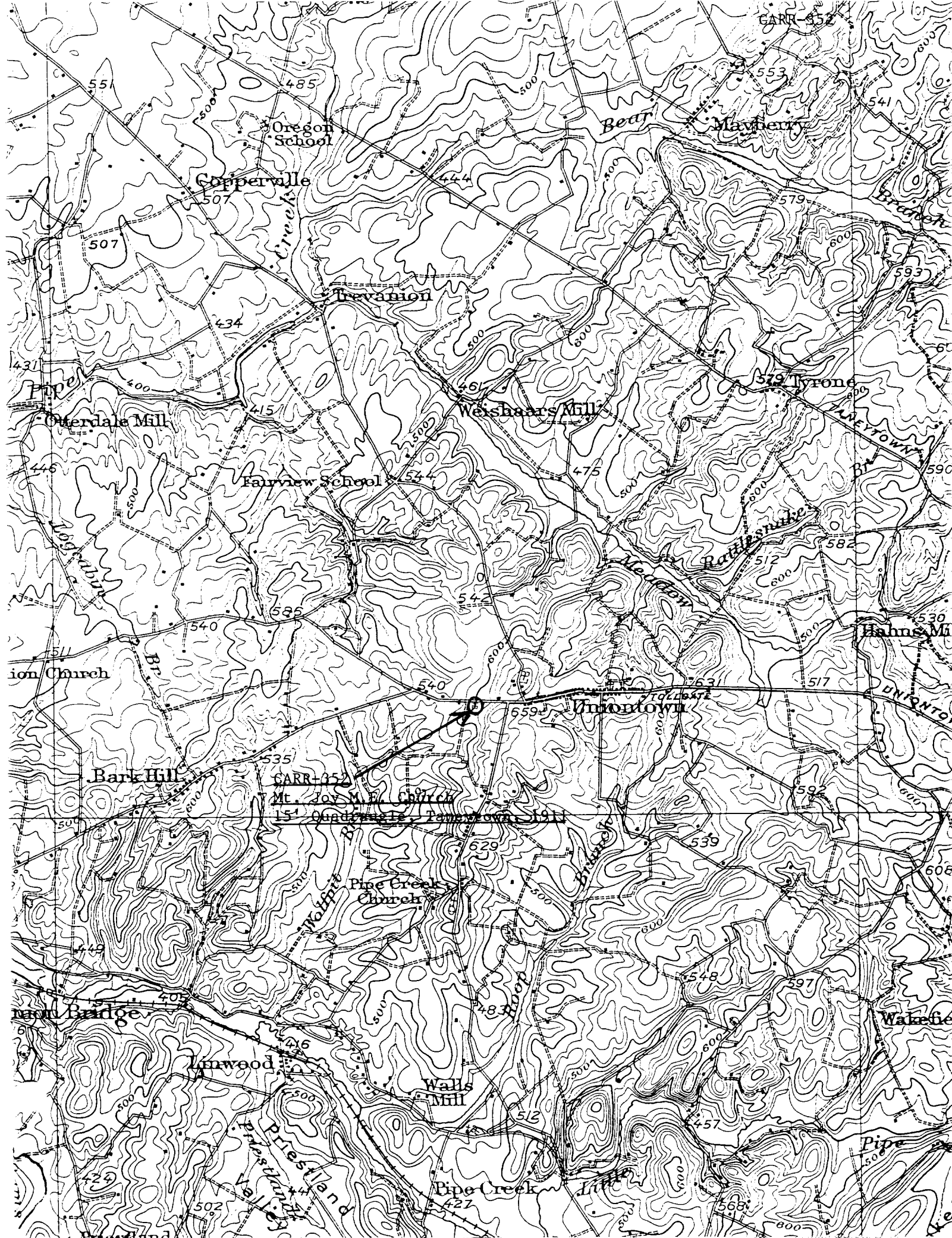
ORGANIZATION:

C. C. Dept of Planning

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Mt. Joy M.E. Church (site) and Cemetery  
New Windsor Quad, 1953, PR 1971

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1. CARR-352 Mount Joy M.E. Church (SITE)
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. 1959 (DEMOLISHED 1975)
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. Copy from HSCC collection
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